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**Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–224, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission: Senators Murkowski and Rubio. **Page S6762**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Richard A. Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2022.

Rebecca Emily Rapp, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019.

Thomas J. Murphy, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

63 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S6762–63**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6762.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### WORLDWIDE THREATS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine emerging United States defense challenges and worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from General John M. Keane, USA (Ret.), Institute for the Study of War, former Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Shawn Brimley, Center for a New American Security, and Robert Kagan, The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1150, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to improve the ability of the United States to advance religious freedom globally through enhanced diplomacy, training, counterterrorism, and foreign assistance efforts, and through stronger and more flexible political responses to religious freedom violations and violent extremism worldwide, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2845, to promote access to benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, with an amendment;

H.R. 4481, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the goal of all children in school and learning as an objective of the United States foreign assistance policy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4939, to increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean diaspora community in the United States, and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 537, expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 535, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 8, to provide for the approval of the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy;

S. Con. Res. 57, honoring in praise and remembrance the extraordinary life, steady leadership, and remarkable 70-year reign of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand;

S. Con. Res. 30, expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon;

Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. 114–12); and

The nomination of Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

## IRANIAN THREAT NETWORK

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine defeating the Iranian threat network, focusing on options for countering Iranian proxies, after receiving testimony from J. Matthew McInnis, American Enterprise Institute, and Melissa G. Dalton, Center for Strategic and International Studies International Security Program, both of Washington, D.C.

## RETALIATORY CRIMINAL REFERRALS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine whether additional firewalls are needed to protect Congressional oversight staff from retaliatory criminal referrals, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey H. Smith, Arnold and Porter LLP, and William Pittard, KaiserDillon PLLC, both of Washington, D.C.; and Scott Horton, Columbia Law School, Pelham, New York.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 6439–6446; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106; and H. Res. 945–947, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 944, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5143) to provide greater transparency and congressional oversight of international insurance standards setting processes, and for other purposes; providing for proceedings during the period from December 9, 2016, through January 3, 2017; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 114–846).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Streamlining Energy Efficiency for Schools Act:*** H.R. 756, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for the dissemination of information regarding available Federal programs relating to energy efficiency projects for schools;

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***Power And Security Systems Act:*** H.R. 6375, to provide for consideration of the extension under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of nonapplication of No-Load Mode energy efficiency standards to certain security or life safety alarms or surveillance systems;

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***Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access, and Research Act:*** H.R. 3381, amended, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments;

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***Expanding Capacity for Health Outcomes Act:*** S. 2873, to require studies and reports examining the use of, and opportunities to use, technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models to improve programs of the Department of Health and Human Services;

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***Improving Broadband Access for Veterans Act of 2016:*** H.R. 6394, to require the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on promoting broadband Internet access service for veterans, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 604;

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***Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that access to digital communications tools and connectivity is necessary to prepare youth in the United States to compete in the 21st century economy:*** H. Res. 939, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that access to digital communications tools and connectivity is necessary to prepare youth in the United States to compete in the 21st century economy, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 605;

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***Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to third-party charges on consumer telephone bills:*** H. Res. 932, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to third-party charges on consumer telephone bills;

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***National Park Service Centennial Act:*** H.R. 4680, amended, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century